

CHAUNCEY A. BRADLEY.

JUNE 24, 1898.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. GALLINGER, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 4630.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 4630) granting a pension to Chauncey A. Bradley, have examined the same and report:

The War Department record shows that this man was enrolled August 5, 1862, and discharged June 9, 1865, on surgeon's certificate of disability, to take effect June 8, 1865, date of muster out of company. The medical records show that he was treated for fracture of right humerus and clavicle from gunshot wound received at Winchester, Va., September 19, 1864. He was in hospital from September 22, 1864, to June 9, 1865, when discharged on account of false ankylosis left shoulder joint by gunshot wound.

He was pensioned at \$6 from discharge for gunshot wound of right shoulder. Increased to \$8 from June 10, 1865, \$15 from June 6, 1866, \$18 from June 4, 1872, and \$24 from March 3, 1883.

Application for increase was filed February 19, 1890, but was rejected June 30, 1890.

May 27, 1892, he applied for increase, alleging resulting total disability of right arm. This claim was rejected July 13, 1896, the medical referee saying:

Approved for gunshot wound of right shoulder, third grade. No increase. Affection of right arm covered by approval.

His condition in 1895 is described in the report of his last medical examination as follows:

Claimant has gunshot wound of right shoulder, ball entering external surface of joint opposite surgical neck of humerus, passing slightly upward and inward, making its exit one-half inch below coracoid process. The bullet fractured the neck of the humerus and the neck of the scapula. Both scars are tender, cup-shaped, and adherent. The joint is ankylosed permanently, all power and action being completely destroyed. The action of the elbow joint is unimpaired, so far as passive motion is concerned. By swinging the arm he is able to elevate the right hand to middle of sternum. This is all he can accomplish with this arm. The grip of right hand is three-fourths destroyed. The arm and forearm are practically useless.

His present condition is not shown, but it certainly is not any better. It would seem that this man is totally disabled for manual labor and is entitled to \$30 per month.

Your committee therefore recommend the passage of the bill with amendments as follows:

Strike out the word "thirty-six," in line 8, and insert in lieu thereof the word "thirty."

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill granting an increase of pension to Chauncey A. Bradley."

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